

Thursday June, 10, 2010

To date, 590 visibly oiled birds have been collected since April 30. Of those, 473 were collected alive. Another 532 birds collected were not visibly oiled.

The bird holding area at the Ft. Jackson Wildlife Rehabilitation Center near Venice, LA is being expanded. Ft. Jackson is one of four bird rehab centers in the Gulf of Mexico region that is being operated by wildlife experts under contract with BP. Birds brought in consist primarily of brown pelicans, terns, gulls and northern gannets.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife field response is being integrated with and directed from Incident Command Centers in Houma, LA, Mobile, AL, Miami, FL and Houston, TX. The new ICC in Miami will include branches for Key West, St. Petersburg, Miami and Jacksonville.

Work crews began deploying absorbent boom around two nesting tern sites on the main Chandeleur Island chain off the coast of Louisiana. Oil sheen and weathered oil were observed in the area of Barataria Bay, LA, and east of Grand Terre, LA. A heavy sheen was observed in Adams Bay, LA.

Seventeen beached bird survey teams led by the Service continued their work in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Surveys will soon extend to Texas and southwest Louisiana beaches. Surveys were completed of colonial waterbirds in western Chandeleur Sound, LA. Aerial photography of bird colonies in Florida Bay were conducted.

## Spill by Numbers

Active response vessels: more than 4,500

Boom deployed (containment and sorbent): More than 900 miles

Boom available: 534 miles

Oily water recovered: 16 million gallons

Total dispersant used: 1.14 million gallons

Controlled burns: More than 145, removing more than 3.62 million gallons of oil

Overall personnel responding: More than 24,000